

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for carefully reviewing the case and for indicating the allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 16, 21 and 29 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to accept the proposed amendments. Claims 2, 4, 7-15, 17, 19 and 24-25 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 5-6, 16, 18, 20-23 and 26-42 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

Claims 16, 18, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Independent claim 16 has been amended. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection claim 16 and its dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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